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# Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

MESAROS, GREGORY J.

Examiner

Andrew Joseph Rudy

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

## Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If the period for reply specified above is less than thirty (30) days, a reply within the statutory minimum of thirty (30) days will be considered timely.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

## Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 08 August 2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

## Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-8 and 39-50 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-8 and 39-50 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

## Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

## Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
  - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

## Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)  
Paper No(s)/Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)  
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. \_\_\_\_\_
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

## **DETAILED ACTION**

### ***Continued Examination Under 37 CFR 1.114***

1. A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after final rejection. Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, the finality of the previous Office action has been withdrawn pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicant's submission filed on August 8, 2005 has been entered. Pursuant to Applicant's August 8, 2005 Amendment and REMARKS, the previous Final Rejection is withdrawn.

### ***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103***

2. Claims 1-8 and 39-50 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Fraser, US 5,664,115.

Fraser discloses a computer-implemented method for transacting business over a network, e.g. 6, Internet, a plurality of deals having price and non-price buying criteria, e.g. the listed properties, the deals are outputted in real-time from amongst the plurality of deals, and notifying the seller, e.g. 38, of the particular deal when the plurality of buying criteria does not match the seller criteria. Fraser does not specifically use the term distribution criterion. Official Notice is taken that distribution criterion has been common knowledge in the product and service art, e.g. real estate art, as has been

seller reputation, reliability, timeliness, delivery options, financing options and warranties, along with the other dependent claim language. To have provided such for Fraser would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art. The motivation for having done such would have been to provide the common knowledge distribution mechanisms associated with buying/selling criteria associated with real estate purchases or other product and/or services.

3. Claims 1-8 and 39-50 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Official Notice.

Applicant's claim language reads upon the common knowledge bartering that goes on between a car dealer and a car buyer negotiating the type of automobile, associated gadgets associated therewith and color thereof. The communication may have transpired over the telephone (a computer), or over a computer network, e.g. the Internet. The distribution of a car to a specific destination with all the attendant financing fully encompasses Applicant's claim language. To have provided the car dealership to have had executed a plurality of deals between a buyer and seller would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art. The motivation for having done such would have been to be more efficient by bundling a plurality of deals as this concept is extremely well known in the bartering art.

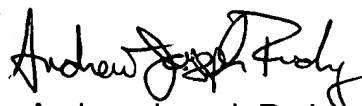
4. Further pertinent references of interest are noted on the attached PTO-892.

***Conclusion***

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Andrew Joseph Rudy whose telephone number is 571-272-6789. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday thru Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Alexander G. Kalinowski can be reached on 571-272-6771. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-283-8300.

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